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TO : Chief, Operations Division. O/PC
Attn: []
FROM : Chief, Contact Division, O/O
SUBJECT: Project Suggested by Dr. Nicholas POPPE

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REFERENCE: (a) Conversation - [] 5 May 1951

1. Dr. POPPE has proposed the following project for himself during the summer months to be financed by this agency. We should appreciate comments from your Office concerning the value of such a study.

2. The project consists of a study of the obscure Mongol tribes and other peoples living in Eastern Siberia and Mongolia, such study to include description of habits, customs, and social structure so that, quoting Dr. Poppe, "a stranger suddenly among them could get along without difficulty excepting for language".

3. For your information, we have been informed that a Mr. Kirkpatrick of the Department of State recently requested the University of Washington's Far Eastern Institute to publish such a study under State Department auspices. The Institute rejected the proposal because, reportedly, the professors involved did not like the idea of having their names appear on material prepared by the Department of State.

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